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Subject: Microsoft is a monopoly.

As a staunch Libertarian, my normal views are that there is too much government interference in both business and the lives of individuals. In the case of Microsoft, I may have to reverse my normal stance and concede that:
a) sometimes there is such a thing as a corporation that is too large and/ or uncontrolled, and
b) in spite of my belief in the free market, no matter how beneficial to the consumer a business' actions are, some business practices are abusive. If a business' way of doing business is unfair and monopolistic, it should be punished by the legal system.

I believe that Microsoft has operated in an unfair manner, and that other companies (and consumers) suffered because of it.

For the government to take MS to court, and then IGNORE MS' actions, grants a tacit approval to unfair business practices. For the fairness to consumers and to other businesses, the government should step in and punish Microsoft.

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TO THE STATES.

To the States or any one of them, or any city of the States, Resist much, obey little,
Once unquestioning obedience, once fully enslaved,
Once fully enslaved, no nation, state, city of this earth, ever afterward resumes its liberty.
-- Walt Whitman, "Leave of Grass", 1881

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